

The Leadership Experience Project (LEP): Redefining the Honors Project Requirement

The “Leadership Experience Project” (LEP) is part of the new “Leadership Advancement Certificate Program” offered by the College of Business Administration’s Institute for Leadership Advancement.

All UA Honors students are invited to participate in this certificate program.

The new 6100:497/Leadership Experience Project replaces the Fall Honors Colloquium Course, which will no longer be offered after Fall 2012. Students who do not participate in the Leadership Advancement Certificate Program may still propose and complete their own LEPs as part of their Honors Project; however, they will not receive the \$2,000 LEP Award (see second bullet point).

Quick Facts:

- The “Leadership Experience Project” (LEP) can be completed as your Honors Project Requirement
- CBA honors students have the option of completing a traditional individual research project. Students interested in this option should contact their designated honors faculty member for additional guidance. Individual project proposals need to be completed before the completion of the second semester of their junior year. For more information on the individual honors project, please visit the Honors College website.

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- LEPs *may begin at any time* during a student’s college tenure
 - Formerly, Honors students had to wait until the fall of their senior year
- If you are an Honors student the course number for participation in the LEP is 6100:497; this course is 3 credit hours and is required for your Honors Project regardless of whether or not you enroll in the Leadership Advancement Certificate program. Enrollment in this course requires completion of an enrollment form. Forms are available in CBA Room 260, Academic Advising or through the Leadership Institute.
- This course is repeatable up to 6 credit hours (should you wish for more time to complete your LEP)
- LEPs may be completed individually or in teams
- All LEPs include a major emphasis on research
- Participation in the Leadership Advancement Certificate Program offers each enrolled student a “Leadership Experience Project Award” of \$2,000, which can be used towards completing the project

- The \$2,000 LEP Award is awarded to up to 50 students per year who commit to complete the Leadership Advancement Certificate Program
- **LEP Selection:** In selecting LEPs, students may propose their own project or take part in a pre-established LEP project as created by the Institute for Leadership Advancement
- **Advising:** Each student, or team of students, is required to select an advisor for their project
 - Advisors may be faculty mentors, CBA advisory board members, etc.
- The Leadership Advancement Certificate Program may be completed in any sequence at any time, provided the student completes all requirements upon graduation
- Honors students may begin their LEP as early as Spring 2013 by enrolling in 6100:497. During this semester, students may propose and begin action towards independent or team LEPs or participate and apply their \$2,000 award toward an established LEP and trip to Ghana in May 2013 (estimated dates: May 13 – May 25)
 - Students who enroll in 6100:497 yet do not wish to participate in the Ghana Project, may apply their funds towards a proposed LEP of their choice (provided they commit to completing the Leadership Advancement Certificate Program)
- The Leadership Advancement Certificate Program can be completed in as few as 2 semesters; however, for the best experience, we recommend 4-5 semesters
- Non-Honors students (CBA students with a 3.0 GPA and above) may partner in the LEP by enrolling in 6100:499. These students are also eligible to receive the \$2,000 award provided they commit to the certificate program
- Questions on the LEP may be directed to: Kevin Smith, Director, Institute for Leadership Advancement 330-972-7654 or leadership@uakron.edu. Questions on individual Honors Projects can be directed to your major faculty mentor as listed on page one.